

MEMORANDUM FOR:

*J. G. R.*

No matter how correct the principles are  
I believe that future COMSEC discussions  
would be more profitable, or in any event  
more brief, if you first meet with ☐  
☐ and have an informal session.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Principles for the Guidance of the Satellite  
Reconnaissance Program

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation in paragraph 4 concerning the attached memorandum from you to Dr. McMillan.

2. As you are aware, Mr. McCone and USIB have addressed themselves a number of times to the guidance of the National Reconnaissance Program and have evolved several principles with regard to this guidance. In general these principles make provision for ensuring continuing satisfaction of USIB priority intelligence needs on a best cost/effectiveness basis.

3. I believe these principles are wise and worthy to be preserved and frequently reaffirmed. They represent a fine balance between needs for information from photography and responsibility in guiding the costly photo reconnaissance effort. The critical point is that this effort must continue to be directed in the last instance by the intelligence community under your authority and not by the operators of the program.

4. In view of the foregoing, it is appropriate to respond to Dr. McMillan's 16 June memorandum in the light of the established and approved USIB principles and thereby avert revival of all the previous arguments over control and management of mission programming. Therefore, I recommend that you sign and forward to Dr. McMillan the attached memorandum which points out that you endorse the existing USIB procedures, for continuous USIB review and guidance to the NRO through the COMOR, rather than only a bi-monthly USIB review of progress as proposed in the last paragraph of Dr. McMillan's memorandum.

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Deputy Director (Intelligence)

Attachment

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Deputy to the DCI for NIFE

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Deputy Director (Science and Technology)

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